

TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2ND, 2008

Meeting Place; Town of Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Present; Chairman Raymond Weber, Tom Arnold Vice Chairman, Planning commissioners Rodney Dorski, Michael Speich, Eugene Zager, Dave Alft. Town Supervisors in attendance; Jeanne Fehrman, Bill Clendenning, Arne Nystrom & County Planner Gary Popelka.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond Weber at 6:00 p.m.

Gary Popelka gave a presentation of the overall timeline. Planning Commission generally agreed that we are behind on the timetable, but we should be able to bring the plan back on schedule.

~~Planning Commission continued reviewing the results of the survey. Water quality brought good discussion. Annexation had many recent, past and present issues for the Commission to talk about. It was generally agreed that annexation of town land and loss of businesses and residents was the largest issue for the Town to deal with.~~

Cooperation part of the annexation survey had some comments of opportunities for the Town and all of South Wood County. We should continue to be informed and involved.

Sewer and water part of the survey brought a variety of views. Most were in opposition over mostly cost of building the system.

Traffic control and roads had a large comment section. The Commission is requesting the invitation of the DOT to appear before the Commission to lay out the plan for rerouting of St. Hwy 54 south towards Griffith and County Z. The request would go to Town Chairman Bohn to get all Town leaders involved and informed.

Commission took time to approve minutes of the meeting of long range planning of April 21st, 2008. Motion by Rodney Dorski and second by Gene Zager to approve, motion carried.

Gary Popelka will complete survey summary and compile it for the plan, minus the comments. Discussed how the report will be used and if copies would be available for the public hearing. New maps and existing maps for the land use plan would be used to create picture of the Town, for overlay, function and current uses.

Page 58 included land use issues and the need to update the 20 year plan every couple years.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. by Gene Zager and second by Tom Arnold, motion carried.

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